(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PI will appear for Public Information)

(Public Safety/Court related items)

Public Safety Director/Manistee PD. Director Joseph L. LaPorte, was apprehended for impaired driving by the Manistee City Police Department Saturday, March 17th. No charges have been filed yet. (Legal)

(Cultural related items)

- Ann Arbor PowWow Announced. March 31st and April 1st 2007 at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena, 333 E Stadium Blvd Ann Arbor, MI 48109. This is the 35th Annual U of M Dance for Mother Earth. (Historical)
- Spring Fire at Gathering Grounds. Tribal Fire Keepers lit the Spring Fire at dawn at the Gathering (Pow Wow) Grounds on March 23rd. (Historical)

(General area items)

Executive Branch meets with Ludington Paper. Ogema Patrick Wilson and several department directors met with Steve Begnoche (News Editor), News Editor Patti Klevorn and several reporters this week to discuss coverage of tribal news and ways to improve communications. (PIDept)

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- - **Membership meeting.** The Spring Meeting was held at the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday, March 24th. Approximately 300 members attended along with the majority of the Government Directors. Tables from the departments were set up to provide information to the membership.
 - General Election Candidate Forum. The Tribal Public Information Department sponsored a forum which was held on March 25th at the Three Fires Conference Center. The forum gave candidates for office the opportunity to speak to the membership concerning their visions for the tribe, their background and their qualifications. All candidates had an opportunity to answer questions which had been submitted by the audience. (PIDept.)
 - **Election news.** Pending the outcome of the Hearing Sam and Medahko vs. the Election Board held on Monday, March 26, 2007, the ballots for the General Election on April 27, 2007 will be sent out **NO LATER THAN** April 6, 2007. Please remember, those that wish to may vote in person on April 27, 2007, at the Polling Place located at the Little River Band Community Center on US 31 in Manistee, MI. The hours for In-Person Voting will be from 10 am until 6 pm.

(compiled by Public Information Department)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to: The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840. Or send them direct to <u>currentscomments@lrboi.com</u>.

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